

§ 21.909 MDS response stations.

(a) An MDS response station is authorized to provide communication by voice and/or data signals with its associated MDS station. An MDS response station may be operated only by the licensee of the MDS station or its subscriber and only at receiving location of the MDS station with which it is communicating. More than one response station may be operated at the same or different receiving locations. All MDS response stations communicating with a single MDS station shall operate within the same frequency channel. The specified frequency channel which may be used by the response station is determined by the channel assigned to the MDS station with which it communicates. The specified frequency channel may be subdivided to provide a distinct operating frequency for each of more than one response station.

(b) Authorization of an MDS response station is subject to the following terms and conditions:

(1) The response station shall not cause interference to any station operating beyond the service area of the MDS station with which it communicates.

(2) The antenna structure height employed at any location shall not exceed the criteria set forth in § 17.7 of this chapter.

(c) The response channels associated with channels E3, E4, F3, F4, H1, H2, and H3 are allocated to the private operational-fixed service (part 94 of this chapter).

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§ 21.910 Special procedures for discontinuance, reduction or impairment of service by common carrier MDS licensees.

Any MDS licensee who has elected common carrier status and who seeks to discontinue service on a common carrier basis and instead provide service on a non-common carrier basis or who otherwise intends to reduce or impair service, shall be subject to the following procedures:

(a) The carrier shall notify all affected customers of the planned dis-

continuance, reduction or impairment. Notice shall be in writing to each affected customer unless the Commission authorizes in advance, for good cause shown, another form of notice. Notice shall include the following:

- (1) Name and address of carrier;
- (2) Date of planned service discontinuance, reduction or impairment;
- (3) Points or geographic areas of service affected;
- (4) Whether Single-channel or Multi-channel Multipoint Distribution Service is the service affected; and
- (5) The following statement:

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that end-users will be adversely affected thereby. Affected customers wishing to object should file objections within 45 days after receipt of this notification, and address them to the Domestic Radio Branch, Domestic Facilities Division, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the § 21.910 Application of (carrier's name). Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon end-users, including any inability by the customer to acquire reasonable substitute service from another provider. The affected customer must state that it has provided a copy of the objection to the carrier seeking discontinuance.

(b) The carrier shall file with this Commission, on or after the date on which notice has been given to all affected customers, an application which shall contain the following:

- (1) Caption—"Section 21.910 Application";
- (2) Information listed in § 21.901(a) (1) through (4) above;
- (3) Brief description of the dates and methods of notice of all affected customers;
- (4) A statement of whether any customer has opposed the notice; and
- (5) Any other information the Commission may require.

(c) The application to discontinue, reduce or impair service shall be automatically granted on the 76th day after its filing with the Commission without any Commission notification to the applicant unless an objection has been filed or the Commission has notified

the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective.

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§ 21.911 Annual reports.

(a) No later than March 1 of each year for the preceding calendar year, each licensee in the Multipoint Distribution Service shall file with the Commission two copies of a report which must include the following:

- (1) Name and address of licensee;
- (2) Station(s) call letters and primary geographic service area(s);
- (3) The following statistical information, preferably in tabular form, for the licensee's station (and each channel thereof):
 - (i) The total number of separate subscribers served during the calendar year;
 - (ii) The total hours of transmission service rendered during the calendar year to all subscribers;
 - (iii) The total hours of transmission service rendered during the calendar year in the following categories: entertainment, education and training, public service, data transmission, and other services;
 - (iv) A list of each period of time during the calendar year in which a station was not operational due to removal or alteration of equipment or facilities; and
 - (v) A list of each period of time during the calendar year in which the station rendered no service as authorized, if the time period was a consecutive period longer than 48 hours.

(b) The licensee, by an appropriate corporate officer, controlling partner, or individual proprietor, must certify this report as to the accuracy and completeness of the information contained therein.

(c) A copy of each year's report shall be retained in the principal office of the licensee and shall be readily available to the public for reference and inspection.

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§ 21.912 Cable television company eligibility requirements.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 21.900 of this part, initial or modified authorizations for stations in the

2150–2162 MHz and 2596–2680 MHz frequency bands may not be granted to a cable operator if a portion of the Multipoint Distribution Service (MDS) station's protected services area is within the portion of the franchise area actually served by the cable operator's cable system. No cable operator may acquire such authorization either directly, or indirectly through an affiliate owned, operated, controlled by, or under common control with a cable operator.

(b) No licensee of a station in this service may lease transmission time or capacity to a cable operator either directly, or indirectly through an affiliate owned, operated, controlled by, or under common control with a cable operator, if a portion of the Multipoint Distribution Service (MDS) station's protected services area is within the portion of the franchise area actually served by the cable operator's cable system.

(c) Applications for new stations, station modifications, assignments or transfers of control by cable operators of stations in the 2150–2162 MHz and 2596–2680 MHz frequency bands shall include a showing that no portion of the protected service area of the MDS station is within the portion of the franchise area actually served by the cable operator's cable system, or of any entity indirectly affiliated, owned, operated, controlled by, or under common control with the cable operator.

NOTE 1: (A) In applying the provisions of this section an attributable ownership interest shall be defined by reference to the definitions contained in the notes to § 76.501, provided however, that:

(i) The single majority shareholder provisions of Note 2(b) to § 76.501 and the limited partner insulation provisions of Note 2(g) to § 76.501 shall not apply; and

(ii) The provisions of Note 2(a) to § 76.501 regarding five (5) percent interests shall include all voting or nonvoting stock or limited partnership equity interests of five (5) percent or more.

(B) The term "area served by a cable system" means any area actually passed by the cable operator's cable system and which can be connected for a standard connection fee.

(C) As used in this section "cable operator" shall have the same definition as in § 76.5.

NOTE 2: The Commission will entertain requests to waive the restrictions in paragraph